Rural settlers were paid *ex-gratia* of Rs. 1000/- per family and allotted irrigated/unirrigated land.

In 2000, to mitigate the hardship of the remaining eligible displaced persons, Government of India issued an administrative sanction for payment of *ex-gratia* of Rs. 25,000/- per family, allotment of plots, cash compensation for land defficiency at the rate of Rs. 5000/- per kanal subject to a maximum limit of Rs. 25,000/-per family and provision of civic amenities in regularized colonies.

(d) The administrative sanction of 2000 covers all pending cases of verified and eligible displaced persons from Pak Occupied Kashmir.

Floods in Assam

2119. SHRIKARNENDU BHATTARCHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the recent floods in Assam which caused heavy damages to crops and human lives etc.;

(b) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister visited Assam during floods besides other Central Ministers and suggested some preventive steps to combat the floods in future;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some amount was promised by Prime Minister to meet the situation;

(d) if so, whether any follow up action undertaken to that effect; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The State of Assam experienced very severe floods during August and September, 2004 and again flash floods during October, causing extensive damage to crops, houses and public properties besides loss of human lives and loss of live stock.

(b) to (d) The High Level Committee (HLC) approved an amount of Rs. 345.37 crore for management of floods of August-September, 2004 subject to the adjustment of the funds available for this calamity under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the States. Rs. 55.00 crore were released earlier on *ad-hoc* basis from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) as announced by the Prime Minister. In addition HLC approved, an assistance of 1.00 lakh MT rice (costing Rs. 120.00 crore) under special com-

ponent of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment and Rs. 13.45 crore from special component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for repair/restoration of damaged rural drinking water supply system. The cost of transportation of fodder, animal feed and medicine by the Railways and the cost of deployment of IAF helicopters for rescue and relief operations were also approved from NCCF on actual basis.

Again an amount of Rs. 39.68 crore was released from NCCF as additional financial assistance for floods including flash floods of October, 2004 besides Rs. 6.02 crore from ARWSP for drinking water supply.

On the directions of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Water Resources, the nodal Ministry for flood management, had set up a Task Force to look into the problem of recurring floods and erosion in Assam and other neighbouring States, to suggest short term and long term measures for the management of floods.

(e) Does not arise.

Strategy to bring peace in J & K and in North-East States

T2120. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAI RS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a Nine Point Strategy for bringing peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are formulating a strategy to bring, peace and development in disturbed States of the North-Eastern Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Government's policy for bringing peace and development in Jammu and Kashmir includes accelerating economic development, holding dialogue with all groups which eschew violence, promoting people to people interaction, promoting unique culture of J&K, creating employment opportunities, redressal of public grievances, upgrading security measures, avoiding human rights violations and involving media in the process of reconstruction.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.